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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims as follows. Insertions are shown underlined while deletions are ~~struck through~~.

1 (currently amended): A moisture absorbing formed body comprising a hygroscopic agent and a resinous component,

wherein said hygroscopic agent is at least one selected from the group consisting of CaO, BaO and SrO, and

wherein said resinous component is at least one selected from the group consisting of fluorine-containing resin and polyolefin resin.

2 (canceled)

3 (canceled)

4 (original): A moisture absorbing formed body according to Claim 1 wherein the hygroscopic agent is a powder having a specific surface area of not less than 10 m<sup>2</sup>/g.

5 (original): A moisture absorbing formed body according to Claim 1 wherein the hygroscopic agent is a powder having a specific surface area of not less than 40 m<sup>2</sup>/g.

6 (original): A moisture absorbing formed body according to Claim 1 wherein the hygroscopic agent accounts for 30-95 weight % of the moisture absorbing formed body.

7 (canceled)

8 (original): A moisture absorbing formed body according to Claim 1 further comprising a gas absorbent.

9 (original): A moisture absorbing formed body according to Claim 8 wherein the gas absorbent comprises an inorganic porous substance.

10 (original): A moisture absorbing formed body according to Claim 1, the surface of which is covered wholly or in part with a resinous covering layer.

11 (currently amended): A moisture absorbing formed body ~~according to Claim 1~~ comprising a hygroscopic agent and a resinous component, wherein the resinous component has been fibrillated.

12 (currently amended): A moisture absorbing formed body ~~according to Claim 1~~ comprising a hygroscopic agent and a resinous component, wherein the hygroscopic agent is a powder composed of at least one member selected from the group consisting of CaO, BaO and

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SrO which has a specific surface area of not less than 10 m<sup>2</sup>/g and the resinous component is a fluorine-containing resin.

~~12~~<sup>13</sup> (original): A moisture absorbing formed body according to Claim ~~12~~<sup>11</sup> wherein the fluorine-containing resin has been fibrillated.

~~8~~<sup>14</sup> (original): A moisture absorbing formed body according to Claim 1 for electronic device use.

~~9~~<sup>15</sup> (new): A moisture absorbing formed body according to Claim 1 wherein said fluorine-containing resin is selected from the group consisting of polytetrafluoroethylene, polychlorotrifluoroethylene, polyvinylidene fluoride, and ethylene-tetrafluoroethylene copolymer.